

Reflections



on the Past 20 Years

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Save Our Heritage Organisation

A Presidential Perspective

Join us on October 15th at SOHO's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration for a presidential perspective of SOHO's history through their recollections of the trials, tribulations and triumphs encountered during their terms in office. As part of SOHO's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration this special video presentation will be shown at the Hahn Cosmopolitan Theatre on the evening of SOHO's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration at the Horton Grand.

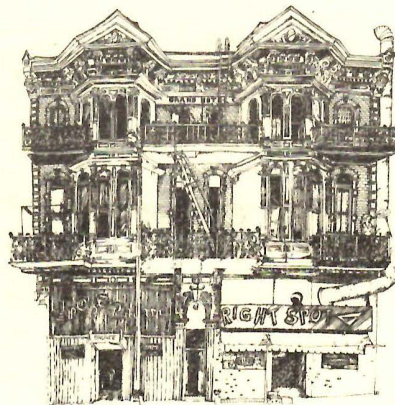
This video presentation will provide an opportunity for every SOHO member to meet the chief officers who have provided the leadership in defining and carrying out SOHO's mission over the past two decades. Their individual perspectives and personalities are as colorful and varied as SOHO's past. They provide insight into the many facets and continuous evolution of the organization. Don't miss this unique opportunity, hear SOHO's story told by the people who made it.

SOHO MAKES HISTORY

It has been a long twenty years. From the saving of the Sherman Gilbert House and the formation of Heritage Park, to protecting neighborhood character through involving community planning groups in the preservation process, SOHO's history is an exciting story filled with triumphs and tragedies. Throughout the past twenty years SOHO has developed into a resource for individuals practicing preservation through restoration, interior design, appropriate landscaping of a period home, as well as offering information, referral and consultation on historic surveys and designations. SOHO has made history by continually developing and expanding preservation practices in San Diego County.

SOHO's most notable role has been that of preservation advocacy. Over the past two decades many of San Diego's cultural resources (landmarks, significant structures, and neighborhood character) have become threatened by insensitive development decisions. SOHO has defended some of San Diego County's most treasured resources against destruction.

As part of our 20th Anniversary Celebration SOHO has published a history of the organization in recognition of the people who believe in and practice preservation, the people who have supported SOHO. This booklet highlights twenty years of active preservation efforts in San Diego County. Written by local historian Kathy Flannigan and made possible in part by a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, it will be distributed for the first time on October 15th at SOHO's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration.



SAVE THE HORTON!

"SAVE THE HORTON"
by Robert Miles Parker

20 Years of Preservation in San Diego County

Throughout this 20th anniversary year SOHO has taken the opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of San Diego's only non profit preservation organization. After months of retrospection one consensus has been unanimously reachedwhen there's something to celebrate, NO ONE KNOWS HOW TO PARTY LIKE SOHO.

On October 15th a Twentieth Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Horton Grand Hotel and the Hahn Cosmopolitan Theatre. This will be an evening in remembrance and
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- o National Trust for Historic Preservation
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- o San Diego Historical Society

"President's Message"

by David Swarens

SOHO - NOW MORE THAN EVER

First, I believe, introductions are in order: I am about six foot tall, 150 pounds, both with or without stockings.

At age 34, I retain my natural teeth, but I do not bite.

I joined SOHO in 1980, and so have been along for almost half of the illustrious twenty years we are now preparing to celebrate. The proximate cause of my joining this organization was my purchase, with my long time partner Victoria, of a 1923 California bungalow in what was to become the Sherman Heights Historic District.

I still encourage people to "invest" in historic properties, as many of our members have and do, but it's not necessary to "qualify" at any lending institution to make this most important "investment".

Since 1969, the Save Our Heritage Organisation has served as forum and format for people of many backgrounds to make the investment of self in the crusade to recognize and save those elements of our designed and built environment that define our cities, towns, and countryside as special places.

In the past year SOHO has been involved with projects ranging from rural farm houses to urban industrial buildings, with sites dating from the earliest European contact to the "deco" days of the "flappers".

Our membership is no less broad in interest than our projects would suggest, and our board continues to reflect this diversity of background and focus. Board Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at Senlis cottage, Heritage Park: interested members are welcome.

PRESERVATION BEGINS AT HOME

Not everyone can, or would want to, live in or own an historic property, but anyone can make an important contribution to our shared environment and the preservation of our cultural resources as a member of SOHO.

SOHO has always been a "grass roots" group, and even with the evolution of a limited professional staff, the strength of the organization is in its membership and volunteers.

I hope you all will continue to support SOHO; as President, I know myself and the Board of Directors will work to deserve your support.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On the evening of October 15th, SOHO will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with a gala at the Horton Grand/Kahles Saddlery complex, downtown on Island Ave.

I hope to have the opportunity to see many of you there.

Included in the evening program will be the distribution of our own history, researched and written by local historian and new board member Kathy Flannigan, as well as the world debut of a video documentary focusing on reminiscence of past SOHO presidents. It's shaping up to be quite an evening!



**GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE,
GONE!!
UNIQUE SILENT AUCTION**

This is your chance to own a piece of SOHO History. Among the many unique and exciting items available at this special 20th Anniversary silent auction are these priceless SOHO treasures:

Bricks from the original foundation of the Sherman-Gilbert House, Glass Block from the Irving Gill Fountain in Horton Plaza Park, some of the "Save The Horton" posters by SOHO's founder, Robert Miles Parker as well as some of Miles' early original oil paintings (from a collection of his earlier work), precious memories of the Plunge at Belmont Park, and many more surprises.

This very special silent auction will take place at SOHO's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration to take place October 15th at the Horton Grand Hotel and Hahn Cosmopolitan Theatre. For more information or reservations for this event, please call the SOHO office at 297-9327.

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acknowledgement of all of the people who have conceived, created and carried on SOHO's mission. We invite each and every member, past, present and future, to join us on October 15th at the Horton Grand for "Reflections On The First Twenty Years". As part this 20th Anniversary celebration, Save Our Heritage Organisation has published a history of the organization. The publication highlights 20 years of active preservation efforts in San Diego County. A complimentary copy will be received by all those in attendance at the 20th Anniversary Celebration, and additional copied will be available for purchase. For more information or reservations for the event and/or the publication call the SOHO office at 297-9327.

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**20th Anniversary
Greetings**

Twenty YEARS AGO . . . I was at the 1st meeting.

Were aging well are still preserving

Maric C. Wordell

To Mary Ward - Congratulations on receiving the Preservationist of the Year Award and thanks for your many years of hard work and dedication to the cause.

Nancy Fitzpatrick

In Memory of Morrie Douglas, Donation - for the restoration of the Temple in Heritage Park.

Claire & Joe Kaplan

To all the people who have made SOHO happen - Thank you

(from the current) Board of Directors

**SOHO
MEMBERSHIP
Application/Renewal**

PLEASE JOIN SOHO

Membership privileges include our monthly newsletter Reflections, to keep you informed about preservation issues and activities in San Diego County, as well as reduced prices for SOHO workshops and tours.

Membership categories are:

- Life \$1,000
- Benefactor: \$500.00
- Corporate: \$250
- Executive: \$100
- Professional: \$50
- Family: \$25
- Student: \$10

Please call the SOHO office for more information: 297-9327. To Join SOHO, please complete the following information and send your check to: SOHO, PO Box 3571 San Diego, CA 92103

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**SOHO's 20th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION AT THE
HORTON GRAND HOTEL
OCT. 15th - BE THERE!**

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NEW DIRECTORS

Corey Braun - Assistant planner with the City of San Diego. He has been very active with the San Diego Historical Society and the Boosters of Old

Town.

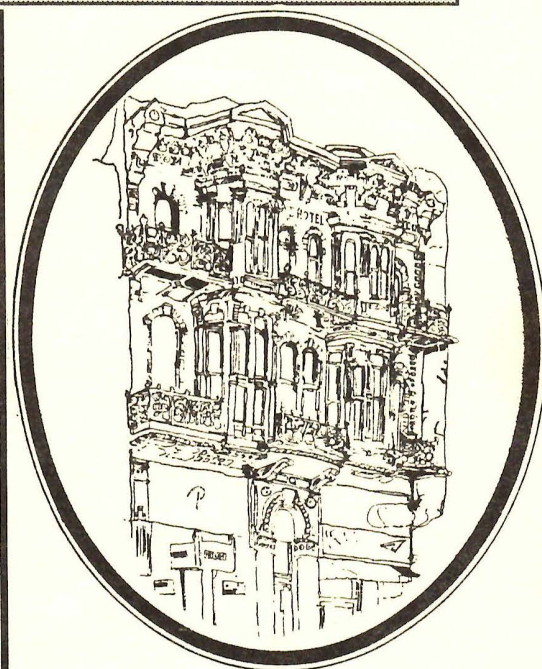
Kathy Flanigan - High School History Teacher. She has been active with the Gaslamp Quarter Council and Citizens Coordinate for Century III.

Angeles Leira - Consultant to the City of San Diego Council's Transportation and Land Use Committee. Extensive studies and teaching experience in planning and architecture.

Anna Major - Member of Southeast Development Committee and Police Review Board. Active in numerous groups concerned with community issues.

Charles Reilley - Director of Communications, University of San Diego. Past Board member of Pasadena Heritage and Gaslamp Quarter Council.

Melinda Williams - SOHO summer intern: Currently intern with Milford Wayne Donaldson's office.



Grand Horton Hotel

San Diego, California

Drawing of the Horton Grand
 by Robert Miles Parker

Notices

San Diego Board of Realtors in cooperation with the National Association of Realtors and the Center for Historic Houses of the National Trust for Historic Preservation will present "Rehab for Profit", a seminar designed to help entrepreneurs take advantage of the profitable historic rehabilitation market place, on November 8, from 8:30 to 4:30. Early Bird registration of \$95.00 is available up to 4 weeks prior to course.

For more information or registration, call 800/874-6500 (select #2) or 202/383-1288.

National City Historical Society presents the National City historic Home Tour. Saturday, Oct. 28th, from 9:00 to 4:00 advance tickets \$10.00, tickets available the day of the tour at Granger Music Hall for \$12.50; for more info. or tickets: 477-3448

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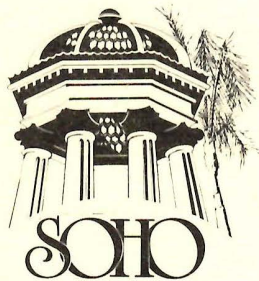
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